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Spirit of sadness in Israel's fall decline

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CLOSING SCENES OF ISRAEL'S FALL
Lesson for August 5, 1984
Bible Study Passages: II Kings 17:5-9, 11-15, 17-18
INTRODUCTION

There is a spirit of sadness in this lesson as we study the scriptures which describe the decline of Israel. It's what could have been that catches our attention. Israel began with a triumphant escape from slavery but ended in a ruined heap. The nation Israel enjoyed the divine favor of God but chose a course that ultimately came under his judgment.

There are many valuable lessons to be learned from Israel's history. The nation Israel began in revolution and ended with the invasion of a foreign power. Many of Israel's leaders were self-centered men who craved power and wealth. They participated in leading Israel away from worship of God and to worship of idols. Over the two-hundred year history the people of Israel wavered back and forth in their allegiance to Yahweh.

God's people in every age must guard against idolatry and injustice. We are called to follow Christ through a faithfulness that exhibits justice, compassion, and allegiance.

ISRAEL'S FATE [II KINGS 17:5-9, 11-18]

The Assyrians became the feared enemy of Syria, Israel and Judah. When Assyria came to power in the north, the smaller nations sought alliances with each other as a means of survival.

When Hoshea became King of Israel he essentially became a puppet in the hands of the Assyrians. He was made to pay bribe money to maintain his position. Hoshea then sought an alliance with Egypt to escape the Assyrian yoke. It is strange how Israel sought an alliance with a nation that earlier held the people of Israel in bondage.

...ecause of Israel's idolatry and rejection of the covenant relationship, they were taken captive by Assyria, thus losing their identity as a people. They became known, even to this day, as the dispersed people.

Israel fell because of her persistent sin of ingratitude, disobedience, and rebellion against God. They sunk so low as to burn their children as sacrifices and offerings to idols. We do not hear today of parents burning their children. but we do know they sometimes farm them out for pornographic films and pictures.

There are numbers of parents who make their little ones submit to their sexual lusts, sexually abusing their own children and causing them to suffer terrible emotional pain. Jesus warned against causing "little ones" to stumble.

Our society defies the foundation upon which our nation was founded. Israel defied the prophetic warnings of Elijah, Elisha, Amos and Hosea. Their prophecies were unheeded as Israel continued upon a path of destruction. What could have continued as a great nation became a nation of ruin. From our reading of biblical history we know that years later Judah would suffer the same fate.

Ponder the following questions.

1. What parallels do you see between our nation and the behavior of the people of Israel?
2. Why do you think the people of Israel, including the leaders, paid little or no attention to the prophets?
3. Name the lessons you've learned from reading about the fall of Israel.
4. Pray you will heed the work of God in your personal life.

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MEMBERS OF THE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH vacation Bible School enjoyed a picnic outing on the grounds of the church during a respite from last week's frequent rains. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Concert planned here

A choir from the Rebekah Home for Girls in Corpus Christi, Tex. will present a concert at Bible Baptist Church of Appomattox, the Rev. Bob Lee, pastor, on Friday night, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Most of the girls who are now in the Rebekah Home for Girls have had a round with dope and have found the real answer to life's problems and have become a part of a tremendous singing choir, giving their testimonies on tour and on the Family Altar Broadcast many times.

Some of the finest singers and best girls were on LSD and other forms of dope. These are probably the happiest 100 girls in the nation.

Sixteen of these girls will be on this tour. Everyone is invited to the special rallies and the girls give real encouragement to those who are addicted to drugs and to the mothers and fathers who are concerned about their young people, to the city fathers, judges, probation officers and the juvenile courts concerning this deadly demon of dope addiction.

The girls will convince anybody who will listen that they have found the answer. A special invitation is extended to school officials and court officials to be present for the most amazing testimonies and singing one could ever hear.

The Rebekah Home for Girls is the largest home of its kind in the nation for girls of this type. This home, along with the Anchor Home for Boys, Lighthouse for young men, Jubilee Home of Ladies and the City of Refuge for Men, was started as a result of a vision that Brother Lester Roloff had for people in trouble.

These Homes and the Corpus Christi People's Baptist Church are located on a 557-acre tract of farm land just outside the city limits of Corpus Christi, where they raise many of the vegetables they eat, have milk cows, milk goats, chickens and eggs.

The girls are taught to sew and make some of their own clothes, keep house, prepare meals, work in the gardens and are kept under rigid discipline that is prompted by love. The girls have learned to appreciate it and greatly respect their leaders.

Streams of visitors from across America come each week to visit these Homes and all are convinced that this is a plan that works and gets the job done.

Mt. Comfort slates revival

Revival services will be held at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church Aug. 5 through 10 beginning at 8 p.m. each night.

The Rev. Edward Temple, Chaplain of Lynchburg General Hospital will be guest speaker.

Special music is planned for each night.

The Rev. David B. Camden and members invite everyone to attend.

Mt. Airy Baptist Church slates homecoming, Aug. 5

Homecoming Day at Mt. Airy Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Aug. 5. The morning service will be conducted by pastor, the Rev. H.W. Pryor.

Dinner will be served after the morning service.

At 2 p.m., the Ladies' Club will celebrate their anniversary. The Rev. Warren L. Napier will deliver the message for the anniversary service. He will be accompanied by the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church choir, and members of the church congregation.

Church book for sale

Liberty Baptist Church of Appomattox is offering for sale a history of the church's 150 years of existence during its 1984 sesquecentennial celebration.

This hard-bound book has been prepared from church minutes dating from Aug. 7, 1834, which is the date of organization, until the present. Old family records were also used in preparing the book, as well as minutes of the Appomattox Baptist Association.

Pictures and sketches of the various church buildings used for worship over this period of time are included in the book. One sketch was made by a Union officer at the time of the battle for Appomattox Station.

The copies will be released Aug. 11 and 12 at the church, located on Church Street in Appomattox. The cost of each book is $15 if picked up at the church, and $17.50 by mail.

Prepaid orders will be accepted and are encouraged. Your copy will be reserved when payment is made.

For further information on ordering the books, write Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs, Librarian, Liberty Baptist Church, P.O. Box 485, Appomattox, Va. 24522. She may be reached by phone at 352-2386.

Canaan plans concert

The Calvin Statham Singers of Baltimore, Md. will be in concert at Canaan Baptist Church Wednesday night, Aug 1, at 8 p.m.

Revival services will begin the Second Sunday, Aug. 12, 1984. Morning service begins at 11:30. The Rev. C. L. Elliott will be in charge. The Mt. Airy Junior Choir will render music. Afternoon services will begin at 3 p.m. The Rev. Medley of Halifax will be the guest speaker and evangelist of the week. The Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus will render music.

Everyone is invited to come and worship with us in these services.

ABT slates Bible school

Vacation Bible School will be held at Appomattox Baptist Temple on Highway 727 from Aug. 6 through Aug. 10.

Classes will begin at 7:30 each night.

The public is invited to attend the Bible School classes.

Tim Lee guest at ACHS

Tim Lee, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be the special guest in a program at the Appomattox County High School Auditorium on August 16, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.

Lee is a former Marine. On March 8, 1971 while serving his country in South Vietnam he stepped on a land mine. The explosion resulted in the loss of both legs.

He is now an Evangelist traveling both nationally and internationally. He has preached to governors, senators, congressmen, judges, mayors, as well as people of all walks of life. He is in demand as a speaker in revivals, youth conferences as well as Patriotic Rallies.

Lee preaches from his wheel chair and is an inspiration to young and old alike. He is a combination of power and patriotism. Come and hear a man who would not quit.

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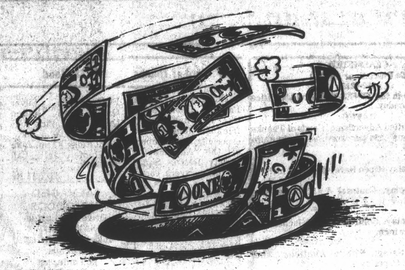

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